

Interview with George Meany, February 23, 1964

*Male Voice:* Mr. Meany, you've said that the Teamsters cannot come back into the AFL-CIO as long as Mr. Hoffa is their president. Will that remain true, even if he's acquitted of all the charges now facing him?

*George Meany:* The situation that prevails there, as you know the Teamsters were expelled in 1957 because they were under corrupt leadership. At least this was decided in our constitution. They refused, of course, to answer charges and just said we had no right to ask them, to present them with charges, despite the Constitution. In 1961, we practically invited all of the unions that were expelled to come back, if they could meet the qualifications. And I'm sure the Teamsters would be welcomed back if they could meet the constitution and the qualifications laid down by the convention.

*Male Voice:* Mr. Meany, thank you very much for being our guest on *Face the Nation*. We'll have a word about next week's guest in a moment.